

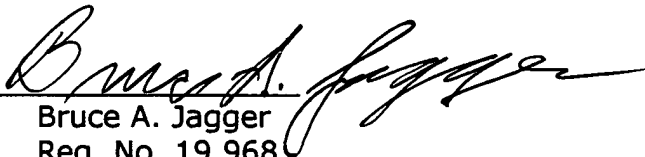
**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

This amendment accompanies the filing of a divisional application claiming the unelected claims in Ser. No. 09/684,311, namely claims 4-6. Claims 1-3 and 7 are pending in the parent application. For that reason they are cancelled from this divisional application.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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